



CCS Board of Directors Meeting  
March 19, 2014



**Jim Patterson called the conference call meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Reports were submitted in consent agenda format to the CCS dropbox and are not discussed here.**

**Attendance:**

Chad Bringe (TNT), Mike Carpenter (Merced), Mary Flatman, Shawn Holbrook, Kim Korenwinder (TNT), Mallory Korenwinder (TNT), Laura Mayer (Clovis), Pat Ota (TNT), Jim Patterson, and Barry Schab (Clovis).

**Secretary's Report** (Mary Flatman) – approved

1. Approved January 15, 2014 Board of Directors meeting notes.

**Treasurer's Report** (Chad Bringe) – approved

1. Balance Sheet:
  - a. The Union bank accounts were closed and consolidated to have everything at Wells Fargo to remove some fees and make the accounting simpler.
2. Profit/Loss:
  - a. For this year we have a 10 cent surcharge that goes to support this summer's Western Zone Diversity Camp. This fee was approved at last September's convention zone meeting.
3. Travel:
  - a. Our LSC had four swimmers attend the Japan All-Star meet. This travel will be a separate line item under the National Development Travel Fund.
4. Expenses Recording Reorganization:
  - a. Our previous treasurer back-dated expenses and income, which skewed the revenue numbers. Chad plans to recognize the expenses and income based on the date processed (versus back-dating for the date the expense occurred). August expenses will still need to be back-dated to match the end-of-year.

**Senior Chair** (Patrick Ota)

1. Sectional Committee Meeting
  - a. Rose Bowl Aquatics, who hosted the Winter Section meet, had a shortfall of \$2,500. During the Committee Meeting the representatives votes to split the cost between the LSCs.
  - b. Pat wondered how the board would like to proceed in the future for something like this.
    - i. The board liked the idea of having a budgeted contingency fund with money to handle extraordinary items like this. If we don't have the money budgeted, we can discuss that fact at the meeting (if appropriate).
    - ii. Chad would like to know about all money requests. Shawn suggested we need some approval process so those who need to know will know.



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**Records/Top 10** (Kim Korenwinder)

1. Awards Committee:
  - a. Kim wants a task force to look at awards to make awards and swimmer recognition the best it can be.
  - b. Committee will consist of the current chair, Senior chair, Age Group chair, a coach, the Senior Athlete Representative (Justin), and an Age Group Athlete Representative.
2. Awards Banquet:
  - a. Kim wants to bring it back and hold it in September or October.
  - b. A past problem was creating enthusiasm. It was suggested that getting a speaker would be a great idea. (Clovis had Janet Evans at one of their awards banquets).
  - c. Kim will collect ideas (including reviewing club awards) and look at a budget.

**General Chair's Report** (Jim Patterson)

1. Mike Snyder Memorial
  - a. Motion to donate \$500 to the Mike Snyder Memorial Fund was passed.
  - b. Other options that were discussed included holding a memorial meet and donating parts of the splash fee or getting an annuity or T-bill or something similar.
2. Workshop Budgeting
  - a. We budgeted \$3,000 for the LSC governing workshops. The March workshop cost less than \$1,000. Jim proposed using some of that money for club visitations to understand the needs, programs, and concerns of the different clubs. This was approved, and Jim will spend no more than \$1,000 doing this.
3. Outside Audit
  - a. USA Swimming recommends that LSCs periodically have an outside audit, usually with an audit committee that the Admin Vice-Chair would form. These audits are not cheap.
  - b. After some discussion, any action was tabled to allow Chad to determine the cost and report back his suggestions.
4. Sierra Nevada Merger:
  - a. We are having some conversations with them. They are interested in our facilities, and we are interested in their money surplus.
  - b. CCS really doesn't generate enough money to fund our athletes. We need to re-think what we should be doing for our athletes. Sierra Nevada has around 1 million in the bank.
  - c. This is a possible strategy for our LSC. Jim wondered whether we should get a feel for this as an option prior to the September governance workshop.



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- d. Discussion:
  - i. Pat mentioned that this LSC merger is better than others, but his biggest fear is getting eaten up by the larger LSC. We would still want autonomy.
  - ii. Travel for the lower LSC could be a problem.
  - iii. We could have a zone concept (like Pacific Swimming) that breaks the LSC into zones.
  - iv. We could be similar to Southern California where each group governs their age group meets and senior meets are organized by the LSC.
  - v. Caroline mentioned a concern that with Sierra Nevada's 5,000 athletes we would lose slots on the zone group team. We would probably also need faster times to qualify, making it so our athletes would have fewer opportunities.
  - vi. A merger could provide a more competitive environment.
- e. We decided to continue to talk to Sierra Nevada and see if their vision matches ours. We will discuss a possible merger in the September governance meeting.

**Athletes Report** (Jorie Caneta, Mallory Korenwinder, Justin Wright)

- 1. Mallory read Pat's report and commented that it is best for meets like the Senior Q to be set up to run fast to slow. It is good to get the faster swimmers off the deck as soon as possible.

**New Business:**

- 1. Meet Planning:
  - a. The new spring meet format of having a JO Minimum time standard on Saturday and JO Maximum time standard on Sunday was discussed. The following were recommended scheduling changes after Shawn brought up a parent concern:
    - i. Mix up the days, so that the JO Maximum time standard swimmers can sometimes swim on Saturday, instead of always only on Sunday.
    - ii. Need a single meet host for two meets.
      - 1. Club revenue is lower for a one day meet.
      - 2. If a swimmer attends both days, they have to pay two surcharges with two meet hosts.
      - 3. Recognize this may be a problem if a club doesn't have a pool for both courses.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 21, via conference call at 7:30 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted by Mary Flatman